

specifically an energy control arrangement which is free from the transient-susceptible effects of a negative feedback regulator arrangement. Weimer et al. focus on coupling energy from an energy storing electrical capacitor to an aircraft electrical bus.

The present invention is directed to a drive unit for items of furniture, driven by an electrical motor, to reduce acoustic noise. The obvious means to reduce acoustic noise is to use grease, noise-absorbing materials, and/or by reducing tolerances in the mechanical parts. In order to reduce acoustic noise in an item of furniture, a person of ordinary skill would not think to modify the electrical system of the drive unit. Bastholm et al. focus on compensating for the uneven load on the item of furniture and how to compensate for that. Bastholm et al. do not indicate that this might also have an impact on the level of acoustic noise.

Accordingly, it is totally unreasonable to think that a person of ordinary skill, when facing the problem of reducing acoustic noise in Bastholm et al., would modify the electrical system, and it is even more unreasonable to think that a person of ordinary skill in this art would look to an electrical system in an aircraft as disclosed in Weimer et al.

The inventor asserts that there is no reasonable basis to combine Weimer et al. with Bastholm et al. to suggest the claimed invention.

Reconsideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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